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SUBJECT: REPORT OF NORTH KOREAN AND NORTH VIETNAMESE
ACTIVITY IN EGYPT

1. NEWSWEEK SENIOR EDITOR DE BORCHGRAVE HAS GIVEN US FOLLOW-
ING REPORT ON CONVERSATION HE HELD EVENING NOVEMBER 3 WITH
DEPUTY TASS DIRECTOR YEDRASHNIKOV. YEDRASHNIKOV IS SUSPECTED
RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OFFICER AND IT IS BELIEVED HE
PASSED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO DE BORCHGRAVE IN FULL
EXPECTATION THAT IT WOULD REACH USG.

2. YEDRASHNIKOV EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT NORTH KOREAN
AND NORTH VIETNAMESE INTENTIONS DURING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS,
PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN THEY BELIEVE PRESIDENT NIXON'S POSITION
IS WEAK. HE STATED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD 92 PILOTS WITH
EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE, NOT 35 AS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. THESE
PILOTS HAD NOT ENGAGED ISRAELIS IN SINAI, BUT HAD
REMAINED WITHIN EGYPTIAN HEARTLAND AND ASWAN AREA.

3. YEDRASHNIKOV ADDED THAT NORTH KOREAN MILITARY MISSION OF
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200 PERSONS HAD ARRIVED IN EGYPT SHORTLY BEFORE OUTBREAK

OF WAR. YEDRASHNIKOV STATED THAT HE BELIEVED DPRK WAS INVOLVING ITSELF MORE DEEPLY IN CRISIS BECAUSE "THEY ARE PROBABLY PREPARING THEIR OWN SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH KOREA." ACCORDING TO DE BORCHGRAVE, THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT EXPLAINED FURTHER, BUT YEDRASHNIKOV ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT NORTH VIETNAM WAS ALSO PREPARING FOR SIMILAR OFFENSIVE AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION YEDRASHNIKOV STRESSED THAT CHINA WAS BEHIND THESE MOVES. PEKING NOW SENSED OPPORTUNITY TO WRECK US/SOVIET DETENTE AND PUT SUPERPOWERS ON REAL COLLISION COURSE. IN YEDRASHNIKOV'S VIEW, PRC WAS WATCHING CAREFULLY US POSITION TOWARD PRESENT ME CRISIS. IF US COULD NOT AFFORD TO SEND TROOPS TO ME, THEN THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT US WOULD BUTTRESS ITS FORCES IN EITHER SOUTH VIETNAM OR SOUTH KOREA, SHOULD OFFENSIVE FROM HANOI OR PYONGYANG DEVELOP.

5. ACCORDING TO DE BORCHGRAVE, YEDRASHNIKOV WAS ANXIOUS TO GET ACROSS MESSAGE THAT USSR WAS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH WHATEVER WAS TAKING PLACE IN NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM. SMITH

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